



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES Northbound and southbound Long Beach Freeway (I-710)

SOUTH GATE TO NORTH LONG BEACH: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces extended weekend closures beginning Friday, October 24 at midnight (Saturday morning, October 25, 12:01 am) on the Long Beach Freeway (Interstate 710) from the Artesia Freeway (State Route 91) to the Glenn Anderson Freeway (I-105). The work is part of the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project from the San Diego Freeway (I-405) to Firestone Boulevard.

The work involves rehabilitating aging pavement and providing the roadway with several decades of service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public. Roadway widening will occur where possible to provide standard lanes and shoulders, widening the Compton Creek Bridge and Atlantic Avenue undercrossings, and overlaying nine miles of the existing pavement with 10½ inches of Long Life Asphalt Concrete.

A series of up to seven extended weekend closures are planned through the end of 2008. The first two closures are scheduled as follows:

FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE: northbound and southbound I-710 from SR-91 to I-105

- Saturday, October 25, 12:01 am to 7 am.
 - Sunday, October 26, 11 pm to Monday, October 27, 5 am.
- and**
- Saturday, November 1, 12:01 am to 7 am.
 - Sunday, November 2, 11 pm to Monday, November 3, 5 am.

CLOSED ON-RAMPS:

- Long Beach Boulevard on-ramp to northbound I-710
- Imperial Highway on-ramps to southbound I-710
- Alondra Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue on-ramps to northbound and southbound I-710

CLOSED FREEWAY CONNECTORS:

- Eastbound and westbound SR-91 to northbound I-710
- Eastbound and westbound I-105 to southbound I-710

Beginning Saturday 7 am until Sunday 11 pm, a reduced number of lanes will be available to motorists: two lanes for northbound traffic and three lanes for southbound traffic. Speeds will be reduced to 45 mph. Oversized loads are not permitted during these times due to narrower lane widths. Motorists can expect delays. To decrease delay time, motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the project area. Signed detours will be available. All closures are weather permitting, as paving requires temperatures above 50 degrees and dry conditions.

